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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING LINES REDESIGNATED St. Tammany Parish Impacted—Additional Area Now Eligible for Housing Programs

AMITE, February 22, 2005 – The boundary lines that determine areas of St. Tammany Parish eligible for USDA Rural Development single family housing programs are being re-drawn according to Sean M. LeBlanc, Area Director. USDA Rural Development has conducted a review of the area north of Interstate Highways 10 and 12 and west of Liberty Bayou and has determined that the availability of the single family housing program is needed in these communities.

Therefore, the ineligible area in St. Tammany Parish will now be bounded, beginning in the east at the junction of Lake Ponchartrain and the West Pearl River, then continue northerly along the West Pearl River, until it intersects with Interstate Highway 10, which becomes the northern boundary of the ineligible area. Follow Interstate Highway 10 in a westerly direction until it intersects with Interstate Highway 12, then continue westerly on Interstate Highway 12 until it intersects with Liberty Bayou, which becomes the western boundary of the ineligible area. Follow Liberty Bayou in a southerly direction until it joins Lake Ponchartrain, which becomes the southern boundary of the ineligible area. Then follow Lake Ponchartrain to the point of beginning.

The change will not be effective for ninety days to allow for public comments. Any comments or objections should be sent to:

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